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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Divisional Patent Application of: Bruce A. Hotton et al  
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Entitled: COMBUSTION AIR SHUTOFF APPARATUS FOR  
A FUEL-FIRED HEATING APPLIANCE (As Amended)

Previous Group Art Unit: 3749 Previous Examiner: Lu, Jiping

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Entry of the following preliminary amendment in the above-identified divisional patent application, prior to the substantive examination of the claims therein, or the calculation of the filing fee therefor, is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.